

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

February 14, 2022

via Zoom

Attendees

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| Howdy Goudey | KE6BEE |
| Frans Kuypers | KJ6IUV |
| Hal Graboske | KK6NDF |
| Annette McCoubrey | KJ6SWK |
| Tom Fattaruso | KN6BUY |
| Don Simon | NI6A |
| Karen Leong Fenton | KK6ZPM |
| Jay Fenton | KJ6WSS |
| Blake Yeaman | KN6CMP |
| Susan Yeaman | KN6CMR |
| Diane Richwine | KK6RED |
| David Swanson | KJ6AAT |
| Jerry Michaels | K6KOP |
| Michael Gold | AJ6RZ |
| Danielle Madugo | |

Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

Training and Operations

- No training (Valentine's day)
- Digital Net report
 - Packet/BBS/Winlink

New business

- Club insurance (vote on ~\$200 annual expense)
- Calendar of Events / 25th Anniversary

Old business

- Membership dues / Online payment

- In-person meeting location, KCC
- MOU update
- Soliciting for KE roles/jobs

Outreach/PR/web

Tech./Infrastructure

- New equipment maintenance team
- New antennas and patch boxes - no update

Elmering

- Don, NI6A retiring as head Elmer
- requests to elmer@karoecho.net

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

- 1st Wed., reports

Adjourn

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the January meeting minutes.

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Training session

To keep this Valentine's Day meeting short, no formal training session was presented this month.

Digital net report

- Weekly meetings of those interested in digital communication are continuing.
- Recent sessions have involved learning about packet and Winlink.

Business session

New business

Insurance

- Liability insurance is required as a condition to use the KCC for in-person club meetings. The insurance would also be beneficial to have for other club activities as well. The executive board looked into available liability insurance and found the ARRL's club insurance policy to be very reasonable. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to apply for the ARRL club liability insurance.

Calendar of events

- The spring SET date will be April 30.
- Field Day needs to be added to the calendar.

Old business

Treasury, Dues

- The January grace period for dues payment is now over.
- Our website Paypal link is now working.

In-person meetings

- A meeting room in the KCC will be available for us next month and we will have the required liability insurance.
- Meetings will be hybrid, a combination of in-person and Zoom video conference.
- Equipment we would like to use (still to be arranged) will be a laptop, a conference microphone, a portable projector, and an internet connection. The white walls in the meeting room can serve as the projection screen.

Memorandum Of Understanding

- Chief Kevin James has been working with us to streamline the MOU by removing references to CERT so the MOU will be only between two parties, KE and the Fire Department.
- The newest edited version of the MOU has been sent to Chief James.

Outreach

- We should aim to get information about KE to groups that work with licensing.
- The Kensington PTA carnival will be in May if we would like to have a presence there..

Technical / Infrastructure

- Access to the El Cerrito City Hall for radio maintenance is being worked on. One suggestion is to make an appointment with the El Cerrito City Manager, another is that Chief James could provide access.
- Michael is working on the Harding Park location.
- Antennas and patchboxes for city park locations are still being worked on.

Elmering

- Don is retiring from being the primary provider of Elmering.

Neighborhood Nets

- The neighborhood network for Richmond Heights is being successfully developed.
- Kensington school teachers are practicing on GMRS channel 9.
- The 1st Wednesday exercise is working on geo-code-location for SAR.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.